

**Notice of Public Comment Period on Proposed Settlement of Certain DEQ Claims
against W.R. Grace for the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site**

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has entered into a Stipulation with W.R. Grace & Co. (Grace) which would settle certain of DEQ's claims for the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site (Stipulation). DEQ is currently seeking public comment on this proposed settlement.

If DEQ and the court overseeing the Grace bankruptcy both approve the Stipulation after consideration of public comment, DEQ will receive an allowed, unsecured claim in the Grace bankruptcy in the amount of \$5,167,000. The funds received by DEQ are to be used only for the State's CERCLA cost share requirements, including operation and maintenance costs, or other costs related to asbestos at the Site. Claims related to Operable Unit 3, which includes property in and around the Zonolite Mine, are reserved and will be addressed separately.

Copies of the Stipulation are available on DEQ's website at www.deq.mt.gov or may be obtained at the following locations: DEQ Information Center, 303 N Third St, Troy; EPA Information Center, 501 Mineral Ave, Libby; DEQ Remediation Division Offices, 1100 North Last Chance Gulch, Helena. Information can also be obtained by calling 1-800-246-8198.

Written comments may either be emailed to kbowers@mt.gov or mailed to Kirsten Bowers, DEQ Legal Unit, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901. To be considered, comments must be received by July 7, 2008.

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